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SUBJ: INCIDENT AT ONE UN PLAZA HOTEL, NEW YORK CITY

REF: USUN 1973

1. ON SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 1977, AT APPROXIMATELY 7:15 PM, TWO UNIDENTIFIED MALES APPROACHED CHAMBER MAID EVELYN BENOIT ON 38TH FLOOR OF ONE UN PLAZA HOTEL AND ASKED HER TO UNLOCK THE DOOR OF A ROOM ON THAT FLOOR. (HOTEL IS LOCATED DIRECTLY ACROSS FROM UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS.) THE MAID REFUSED TELLING THEM TO GO DOWN TO THE LOBBY DESK TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES AND HAVE DESK CALL HER. THE TWO MEN INSISTED IN SUCH STRONG TERMS THAT THE MAID FLED TO AN ADJOINING WORK ROOM WHERE SHE PHONED THE ASSISTANT HOUSEKEEPER. WHILE SHE WAS ON THE PHONE ONE MALE CAME FROM BEHIND AND GRABBED HER AROUND THE NECK. AT THE SAME TIME THE OTHER MALE PUNCHED HER. BOTH ASSAILANTS THEN FLED APPARENTLY VIA THE SERVICE ELEVATOR. THE MAID'S INJURIES WERE SUCH TO REQUIRE HOSPITAL TREATMENT AND SHE IS STILL CONFINED TO BELLEVUE HOSPITAL.

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2. INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM THE HOTEL INDICATES THAT A YUGOSLAV DELEGATE TO LAW OF THE SEA DELEGATION, PROFESSOR VLADIMIR IBLER, IS RESIDING ON 38TH FLOOR OF THE HOTEL. HOTEL ALSO STATES THAT MAID WHO WAS ASSAULTED CONTROLS KEYS TO ROOMS ON TWO OTHER FLOORS WHERE YUGOSLAV DELEGATES TO LOS RESIDE, INCLUDING HEAD OF THEIR DELEGATION, AMBASSADOR EVONKO

PERISIC; OTHER DELEGATE IS PROFESSOR VUKAS.

3. INCIDENT IS BEING INVESTIGATED BY NEW YORK CITY POLICE
DEPARTMENT AND FBI. NEW YORK POLICE AND HOTEL MANAGEMENT
HAVE INCREASED SECURITY COVERAGE OF HOTEL. POLICE INTERVIEWED
MAID IN HOSPITAL THIS PM WHO STATED HER ASSAILANTS DID NOT
ASK HER TO OPEN ANY SPECIFIC ROOM ON 38TH FLOOR. MAID ALSO
STATES HER ASSAILANTS MAY HAVE BEEN SPANISH. POLICE
CLAIM MAID'S DESCRIPTION OF HER ASSAILANTS DOES NOT FIT
THAT OF THE THREE INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN HARASSMENT INCIDENT
IN VICINITY OF YUGOSLAV MISSION LATER IN EVENING (REFTEL).
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